



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

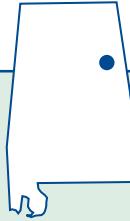
Anniston, AL

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Anniston was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. The City of Anniston's (population 24,276) proximity to rail lines and rich iron deposits gave rise to an economy based on iron and steel industries. By 1929, Anniston was home to 117 iron foundries and other manufacturing industries. As many of these industries declined, jobs were lost, and a legacy of environmental degradation was left behind. Many of the city's older foundries and heavy manufacturing facilities were located in West Anniston, which today is characterized as the city's most economically distressed area. From 1980 to 2000, West Anniston experienced a 46 percent population loss. More than 90 percent of West Anniston residents are African-American. When the targeted Chalkline Mill site is cleaned up, it will be reused for a



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Anniston for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Chalkline Mill site at 215 West 11th Street. The site is a 14-acre abandoned textile mill that operated from 1880 until 1995 and is contaminated with arsenic, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and PCBs. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/bf/index.htm>

Grant Recipient: City of Anniston, AL

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mix of retail uses, restaurants, and cultural facilities, such as a civil rights museum. Cleanup and redevelopment of the site will reduce human exposure to hazardous substances and create employment opportunities for Anniston residents.